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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Interim Department Order 8

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE DELEGATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE BY THE FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATOR, DATED JULY 14, 1954

1. Purpose. The Federal Civil Defense Administrator, with the approval of the President, has delegated to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare certain emergency and pre-emergency civil-defense responsibilities as contained in FCDA Delegation No. 1 (19 F. R. 4546). The purpose of this Interim Department Order is (a) to make appropriate assignments of the pre-emergency responsibilities to constituent organizations of the Department to cover planning, technical guidance, and direction of Federal activities necessary for preparedness; and (b) to set forth related arrangements necessary to assure coordination and compliance with the terms and limitations of the Delegation.

2. Assignments of Responsibility. Subject to the limitations contained in items 1 through 5 in the second part of the Delegation, and until the declaration of a state of civil-defense emergency pursuant to law, the following assignments of responsibility within the Department are made:

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To the Public Health Service

Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States, and direct Federal civil-defense activities concerned

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with research with respect to, and detection, identification, and control of: (1) Communicable diseases in humans, (2) biological warfare against humans, (3) chemical warfare against humans and (4) other public health hazards.

Plan, develop, and direct Federal activities concerned with a national program designed to provide Public Health Service reserve professional personnel from support areas to those damaged by enemy attack.

Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States and direct Federal activities concerned with the emergency restoration of community facilities essential to health or functional components thereof for which the Public Health Service normally has regular operating programs. Plan, develop, and distribute, through appropriate channels, technical guidance concerning the provision of shelter and other protective measures, designed to minimize injury to personnel and reduce damage to vital functional components of . . . hospitals and of water, sewer, and other public-health facilities.

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/s/

Oveta Culp Hobby
Secretary

August 9, 1954



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